Remarks

Claims 1-20 are pending in the Application. Of the pending claims, the Examiner has withdrawn claims 4-12, 19 and 20 from consideration. By this paper, Applicants have cancelled claim 2 and amended claims 1, 3, 13 and 16 to more clearly define the structure of the plurality of grip bumps. No new matter has been added. Applicants believe that all claims are allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

The undersigned extends many thanks to the Examiner for granting an Interview to discuss the pending claims. Applicants believe that the enclosed claim amendments reflect the proposed language suggested by the Examiner during the Interview. Accordingly, Applicants believe that these claims are in condition for allowance. In that regard, Applicants submit that *Kindorf* fails to teach or suggest that an "adaptable inner surface of each clamp half comprises a *plurality of grip bumps projecting radially inward* to provide size adjustment capability." Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the §103 rejection be withdrawn and that these claims be passed through to allowance.

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